Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" May I know from the hon. the Chief Minister whether it is the practice of the Surgeons of the General Hospital to leave the operations in the hands of their raw assistants? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" Is the hon. the Chief Minister aware that such things are more common in the ward of the Second Surgeon than in any other wards? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" I do not know."

Mr. C. Basu Dev :—" Is not the hon. Member pursuing a personal vendetta against the Second Surgeon of the General Hospital? "

The hon. the President :—" That is not a supplementary question. Order, order."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" Will the hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to call for information on the matter, in view of the reports that sepsis and deaths are more common in the wards of the Second Surgeon than in the wards of the other Surgeons? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" I do not think it is necessary to call for papers, because there is nothing at all to show that the information of the hon. Member is correct."

Mr. K. P. Raman Menon :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that there is much professional jealousy against the Second Surgeon of the General Hospital? "

(No reply.)

Motor Vehicles Taxation

Measures for the relief of the burden of taxation on motor vehicles.

* 584 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action do the Government propose to take to lessen the burden of taxation on motor buses and taxis ?

A.—The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Agency Tracts

Introduction of new Oriya books in the elementary schools in the Agency tracts.

* 585 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the proposed purchase of new Oriya books for the elementary schools in the Agency of Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts during this year;

(*b*) whether he is aware of the fact that about a year back, new books for elementary classes and specially Sahityankura and Saralasikhya were introduced;